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of Thought when he takes a Survey of *Italy*, “ where,
 “ (as Mr. *Addison* observes) there is scarce any Part of
 “ the Country that is not famous in History, nor so
 “ much as a Mountain or River that has not been the
 “ Scene of some extraordinary Action.”

THE Account of the *Holy Land* will naturally excite our Piety and Devotion, when we consider it as the Theatre of the greatest Part of Scripture History, and the Place where the glorious Work of Man's Redemption was accomplish'd. When we take a View of *Jerusalem*, every Heap of Ruins makes us reflect on the Instability of Human Grandeur, and reminds us that we are *Strangers and Pilgrims upon Earth, seeking a City which hath (everlasting) Foundations, whose Builder and Maker is God*. Our Author's accurate Description of this Country, and his judicious Remarks, will be of great Service towards a thorough Understanding of the *Old and New Testament*.

It is a frequent Complaint against *Travellers*, that they exceed the Bounds of Truth in their Relations, and impose on the Credulity of their Readers. In order to anticipate this Objection with regard to our Author, I can assure the Publick, that, during a long and intimate Acquaintance with him, I always found him to be a Gentleman of the strictest *Honour and Veracity*, and that I have carefully revised his Manuscripts, (according to his Desire on his Death-bed) and found nothing in them which seem'd to favour of *Romance*, or could not be confirm'd by other Writers of unquestionable Credit.

MORE Time need not be spent in shewing the Benefit and Pleasure of reading Books of this Nature; since it is evident, that the *Geographer* and the *Historian*, the *Architect* and the *Statuary*, the *Poet* and the *Painter*, the *Philosopher* and the *Divine*; in a Word, Persons of every Art and Profession, of every Rank and Station of Life, may draw great Advantages from the Labours of a wise and judicious *Traveller*.